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BUCHAREST, NOVEMBER 3 -- U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER
WILL BEGIN A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST NOVEMBER 5 TO SOUND OUT WITH
LEADERS OF FOUR ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL WHAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST
FOR FURTHER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RABAT
SUMMIT DECLARATION THAT NAMED THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGAN-
IZATION (PLO) THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS.

ABOARD HIS PLANE IN FLIGHT NOVEMBER 3 FROM IRAN TO ROMANIA,
DR. KISSINGER SAID THE "PURPOSE" OF HIS RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST
IN LESS THAN A MONTH "IS TO CONSULT WITH ALL THE VARTIES...ABOUT
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RABAT SUMMIT AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS
TOWARDS A MIDDLE EAST PEACE."

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ON NOVEMBER 5 HE WILL GO FROM ROME -- WHERE HE IS TO DELIVER
A MAJOR SPEECH TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE -- TO CAIRO. HE WILL
OVERNIGHT IN EGYPT, GO TO RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, THE NEXT AFTERNOON,
AND SPEND THE NIGHT IN AMMAN, JORDAN,
NOVEMBER 6. THE MORNING
OF NOVEMBER 7 HE WILL BE IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA, AND FLY ON THE SAME
DAY TO JERUSALEM FOR AN OVERNIGHT STOP.

DR. KISSINGER WILL DECIDE BY NOVEMBER 4 WHETHER HE WILL GO
FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO ANKARA, TURKEY, ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE
UNITED STATES.

THE NEXT STAGE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BECOME
MUCH MORE COMPLEX FOLLOWING THE ARAB DECLARATION ON THE PLO OC-
TOBER

29.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL WITH DR. KISSINGER SAID THE SECRETARY
OF STATE WANTS TO FIND OUT WHAT FLEXIBILITIES IN NEGOTIATIONS EXIST
FOLLOWING THE RABAT DECLARATION.

SECRETARY KISSINGER WANTS TO KNOW, AMONG OTHER THINGS./.
WHETHER THE RABAT DECISION APPLIES ONLY TO THE PLO AND THE ISRAELI
9::7083\$ 53448TORY ON THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER, FORMERLY
BELONGING TO JORDAN.

NEWS REPORTS INTERPRETED THE RABAT COMMUNIQUE AS MEANING THAT
ANY TERRITORY GIVEN UP BY ISRAEL ON THE WEST BANK WOULD BE TAKEN
OVER BY THE PALESTENIANS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE RUN BY THE
PLO.

ISRAEL HAS NOT TURNED DOWN THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS
WITH JORDAN OVER THE WEST BANK, BUT HAS SAID ALL ALONG IT WOULD
NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO. IN TEL AVIV OCTOBER 31 ISRAELI PRIME
MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN SAID THAT WITH THE PLO "THERE IS NOTHING
TO TALK ABOUT".

THE UNITED STATES VIEW, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, IS THAT ISRAEL
WOULD NOT ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN IF A DEAL WAS MADE AT
RABAT TO TURN OVER THE WEST BANK TO THE PLO. THAT, IN THE U.S.
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VIEW, WOULD BE A NON-STARTER AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED.

DESPITE THE ADDED COMPLICATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SENIOR
U.S. OFFICIAL SAID, THE CHANCES FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT
CLOSED.

BUT IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT WHAT HAPPENED AT RABAT WAS NOT
TOTALLY UNEXPECTED BY DR. KISSINGER AND ALSO THAT THE UNITED STATES

HAS NOT BEEN THROWN INTO AN ATMOSPHERE OF GLOOM AND DOOM REGARDING
THE MIDDLE EAST. ITEM/KOENIG.
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